The spirit of the Spanish inquisition lives today in the form of the small boy, and particularly that portion of the genius commonly known as the gamin.

For discovering particularly ingenious and soul racking methods of torture and annoyance, the small boy stands preeminent and unapproachacle. This great truth was borne in upon the mind of The Man About Town by an incident to which he was a witness on Olive street the other day. A youngster who, from his aristocratic appearance, was evidently the hope of some Wost End family, and who had strayed down town, had become deeply interested in the mysteries of the cable road and was endeavoring to penetrate its secrets by a careful investigation through the slot. A gamin

stood on the curb.

His roving glance took in the boy in the middle of the street, and his active mind immediately conceived a plan to improve the situation for his own amusement and the uster woo of the boy from the West End. He drew a long string from his pocket, made a slip noose in one end and warily approached his victim. With a sudden spring he seized the other's natty hat, deftly slipped the noese around the crown and running a few steps up the street before the other bay had taken in the situation, he dropped the free end through the slot. Instantly it enught the cable and held fast, and the next second the hat was sailing up the street at the rate of eight miles an hour, with its owner wildly pursuing it, a hopeless second in the race, while the hystanders cheered, and the author of the trouble smiled a smile of exceeding pence, and ran up an alley to relate his adventure to a few other angelic spirits. -St. Louis Republic.

A Tip from Speek Land.

We commend to the attention of the Society for Psychical Research the latest dream story in connection with racing. A well known ex-military-sportsman for some weeks past had made up his mind that he would try and dream the winner | children. of the Lincoln bandicap. This ingenious idea of his he announced to several of his friends, who naturally smiled somewhat skeptically on the would be seen However, on Monday night five times in specession he dreamt that No. 13 had won the race. As there was no horse of that name the sportsman in question came to the conclusion that his vision roust refer to the number on the card. He made no secret of his belief, and yesterday morning he sent a messenger to King's Cross to get the card and back he said this he his dream number. There were no cards | drew a revolver to be had at the station. Accordingly, he wired to Messrs. W. H. Smith & Sons' bookstall at Lincoln for the name of No. 18 on the day's card for the handi-The answer came back promptly, "Wise Man." The resolute dreamer immediately backed the horse, with the happy result that all wise racing men now wot of. Every detail of this singular story is absolutely true, and there are many who can testify to having heard the prophecy of No. 13 delivered on Tuesday afternoon.-London Tele-

Why He Didn't Hear It.

They are laughing over a blunder of a United States examining surgeon up in Caribou. He was examining for deafness an applicant for a pension, and to test the man's left ear held a watch at some distance and asked him if he could hear it tick. The answer was "No," and the same reply was given to repeated ques ions as the watch was brought nearer.

Put him down totally deaf in left car,"
the surgeon said, and holding the watch.

It is a bad thing to be blind; it is worse the surgeon said, and holding the watch away from the man's right ear, the enms question was asked. To his supprise, the pnewer was the same. It then occurred to the surgeon to examine his watch, and he found that it had stopped. The examination was begun all over again,-Lawiston Journal.

A Blild Way to Put Ik

"Phy. Mieter Slinger, has dev turned you off down at de hotel what you's bin Ex-Walter-Not ractly. It comes bo

dis way, you see: Der tele me dey didn't bab no furder use fur me atter dis mornin', and I just got mad an' quit.-Harper's Ha-

Wis Little Compliment. Boarder-Did you ever play chess, Mrs

Landlady-I never did.

You would make a very strong player.

(Inspecting the hash and the chow-chow)

"Your combinations, Mrs. Irons, are simbewildering,"-Chicago Tribune,

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A TRIUMPH OF SURGERY.

The Bemarksthip Case of Mrs. Lane, of Ean Prancisco. At San Francisco, on the 36th of April, Michael Lane assessted his wife with a pistol and a hammer. One bullet entered her brain and another ber taw. The skull was fractured by blows in four places, and the scalp on the back of the head was laid open for a distance of four inches. Having inflicted these thjurius, Lane choked his wife until he thought the last breath had derous pistol at his own head and commit

ted suicide. The tragedy was the sequel to a bitter quarrel between husband and

harmer. 2 Point of entrance of the bullet which penetrated the brain. The dotted line repessents its course. S. The point of exit. built that entered the left cheek and remains imbedded in the opposite side of the face. 5. The imbedded in the opposite side of the face. 5. The scalp wound inflieted by a glancing blow of the

wife. The latter, on discovering that the former had drawn from the bank \$3,000— the savings of a lifetime—and lest the sum in speculation reproached him bitterly, and he replied in the cowardly manner

But the wonder of the affair is that the woman did not die. When the surgeons reached her she was exhausted from loss of blood, and the exudation of brain matter amounted to nearly two ounces. Despita the apparent hopelessness of the case the doctors went to work, removed solintered bits of skull, cleansed the bullet wounds, and used knife and needle with such skill that doubt gave place to hope and hope almost to certainty. The great difficulty en-countered—that of draining and cleansing the track of the bullet through the brain-was overcome, and Mrs. Lone, instead of dying, showed promise of ultimate reovery. After days of delirium she has become quiet and docile. There are indications that her mind will remain at least partially a blank, but her physical health may be fully regained. Mrs. Lane is 52 years old and the mother of nine

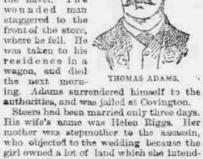
THREE DAYS A HUSBAND.

A Honeymoon Terminated by the Bridegroom's Marder. "Hello, Tom. Have you any more lies to

carry in regard to me This was the salutation with which Edward Steers greeted Thomas Adams when the latter entered Aleck Sanders' grocery store at Staffordsburg, Ky., the other even-

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"Yes." Adams replied, "I have just got one more," and as entend Steers' the navel. The wounded man staggered to the front of the store, where he fell. He was taken to his wagen, and died the next morn-



murderer is quite wealthy, and by occupation a farmer and stock raiser. NEW YORK'S BLIND NEWSMAN.

ed conveying to her husband, thus taking it entirely out of the control of the family

into which her mother had married. The

It is a bad thing to be blind; it is worse to be blind and poor, and it is still worse to be blind, poor and old. The last is the case of Abraham S. Young, now 75 years of age, who has sold newspapers at Fulton ferry, New York city, for nearly half a centuryin fact ever since, when a young man, he



ABRAHAM S. YOUNG. lost his sight through an explosion. The scanty means of living from day to day, but no more. Now that he is almost helpless even this slight source of income seems ikely to fail, for business changes at the ferry will necessitate his securing a new stand, something difficult to do in New (Highly pleased) "Why do you think so, York city where nearly every other corner has its permanent paper shop, while the streets swarm at publication hours with eager and active newsbors.

> People live at railroad speed in other countries besides the United States. Recently the presiding judge in a Queensland court was desirous to finish his calendar and tried cases continually for thirty-six jurors were occupied in considering ver-dicts, and not to lose time, the judge ordered the doors of the court room to be locked and then impounded every person in the audience qualified to serve.

Fair in Love and War. Harry-You seem very sure of getting this girl. How do you know she will so-

ck- Because I got my sister to circulate the report among her \*riends that there wasn't a man in the world who would marry such a girl.—Drake's Magazine.

Shifting the Besponsibility. The railway socident had been a terrible one, and one of the men who were carry-

ing the thirty-seventh victim up the em-"Somebody will have to pay dearly for

The mangled passenger opened his eyes and giared at the speaker. "The company is not to blame." he said,

"this is a dispensation of Provi-

He was the atterney for the read.-Chi-

A Lost Opportunity.

He looked so glum and down in the mouth that the half dozen of us concluded that he had lost his wife or met with some other distressing calamity, and so, after leaving Elmira, one of the boys slid into half of his seat and begun:

"My friend, you appear to be ill." "No, not exactly ill," was the reply. "Wife dead?"

"Heard any bad news?"

"If there's anything our crowd can do for you we shall be glad of the opportunity."

"Well, then, I wish you'd begin on me and kick until the last man can't swing his leg for another lift, for of all the born fools in America I'm the biggest!"
"Why, what's the matter!"

"We had an accident on this road about

three weeks ago, and a lot of us lost our beggage. We were told to file our claims, and I've just been down to get my money. "Well, wasn't that all right?" "All right! Why, jsb my eyes, if I wasn't fool enough to hand in a true list of about 26 worth of old dads, while a neighbor of

our'n who lest two pairs of socks and a box of paper collars stood up and bluffed the railroad out of \$74.25, and they even asked him to take a drink after he got his money! That's me to a dot. I hair't got no brain in my head. I can't see through a fish net. I'll never know anything until it's kicked into me, and I'm ready to be booted the whole length of York state and give my only pair of suspenders to the last man who lifts me!"-New York Sun.

In Water Colors.

Yesterday morning at exactly 10 o'clock a well dressed young man entered a gate on Congress street east and pulled the door

No response Then he went to the side door and

Then he returned to the front of the house and pulled the bell again. After waiting and watching for a couple of minutes he went back to the side door. Getting no response to the repeated knocks he pulled a paper from his pocket and was making a "mem." when a second story window was carefully raised, a pall of water balanced for an instant on the sill, and then souse it went over the young man below. He uttered a yell and leaped into a lilar bush and from there he reached the fence and gained the street. Just then an officer came up and asked: Anything the matter?"

"Oh, only a trifle." "What were you doing in there!"

"Trying to collect interest on a chattel mortgage-that's all. Lady told me to call at 10, and I called. She was ready for me. Good day."-Detroit Free Press.

All Doubt Settled.



THE LADY OR THE TIGER?



A Way to Silence Any Woman. J. Savage hasn't changed one lots in the last ten years, and is just the same jovial, joke loving men he always was. I recall a little incident that occurred some years ago that shows Mr. Savage's inordinate love of fun. It was at one of the Church of the Trinity's fortnightly entertainments. Mr. Savage was sitting on a lounge, watching the young people dance, when an elderly female, who evidently had a yearning fondness for clergymen and a highly developed sense of propriety, sidled up and said: "Oh, Mr. Savage, do you approve of round dancing?" "Yes," said Mr. Savage, "I do, though I must confess I prefer to do my waltzing sitting quictly with a pretty girl in an out of the way corner," and its cast a languishing glance at the clergy loving old indy that sent her hurrying away an exclamation of horror. He then turned to me and said: "You see, my dear fellow, there's a way of silencing any woman-if one can only learn it."-New York

We don't believe in spirits-in any way, manner, shape or form-but

Wednesday evening quite a party as-sembled at the residence of Mr. J. R. Forrester to have a table rapping, and the results of that meeting were wondercompation has furnished him with the ful. The table used was an ordinary wooden one and the circle was formed by some of the party seating themselves around it and placing their hands in such a manner as to form a circuit. For some time the table remained unmoved, but after a little more time it began to bob about and move from one end of the room to the other. Then the medium said that the spirits were at work.

Of course we didn't believe in that, but as the table raised up from the floor cold chills passed up and down our back and a fit of trembling seized hold upon us. We didn't have any confidence in the spirit part of the performance, understand, but we trembled all the same. At one time the table was raised a considerable distance from the floor, falling with of the names given by the spirits were only known by one of the party in the room; at other times the names were unrecognized. The messages delivered were, some of them, quite startling, and were enough to make a believer of the most incredulous. Verily, some strange things happen at these meetings, and all.-Albany (Ga.) News and Advertiser.

A Startling Tale from India. From India comes a strange story of wholesale attempts at murder. It is said that at every station on the Eastern Bengal railway passengers are warned not to socept tood or drink offered them by strangers, "as an organized band has been disovered whose plan it is to treat passengers to food, drink and sweetments which have been potsoned, and decamp with their booty walle the victim is insensible or

dead. Many deaths have resplied from

M'SWAT'S TROUBLE.

Wherein McSwat Resembled Job in His Affliction.

The misguided robin chirped chearfully among the frost birten blossoms in the cherry tree, the early bee banged up against the window pane and buzzed profanely, the neighbors' chickens scratched and cackled with demoniac glee in Mrs. Mc-Swat's prematurely aged lettuce bed, and the fraudful old sun shone as innocently and smilingly on the McSwat dwelling as If he didn't know perfectly well that with-in two or three hours there would be a deluge of rain, a hallstorm and a cold

"Billiger," said Mr. McSwat's young wife, with a shade of anxiety in her voice and manner, "you seem out of spirits this morning. Won't you have another flannel

"Do you think, Lobelia," he replied, gloomily, "that flannel cakes will cure a man of low spirits?"
"Don't the ham and eggs suit you, Billigery' she asked, tenderly.

"Am I making any complaint about the "No, you are not complaining. I'd rather you would find tault than sulk. Then I ould know exactly what the trouble is. If the coffee isn't strong enough, or the get it at home, why in mercy's name don't

this rapturous gush of solicitude? I'm not kicking up any fuss over the confounded grub, am Ir "I think you-you are just as m

as you-you can be!" sobbed Mrs. McSwat. "I do the best I-I can to-to please you, and you speak of my efforts as confounded gr-gr-grub. "The breakfast is all right, Lobelia," he

"I've paid a dollar for a worse layout many a time."
"Then what is the matter dear?" urged Mrs. McSwat, drying her tears. "I know there is something wrong. Is it—is it any-thing I have done or failed to do?" "Isn't it beginning to look like rain?"

"You know it isn't. Don't try to put me off, Billiger. What is the' "Nothing in the paper this morning but strikes and World's fair locations. Do you

know, Lobelia, my theory is"-"Never mind the paper. Tell me the "And the fruit crop in Michigan is"-

"The fruit crop in Michigan has nothing to do with this case. What do you care for the Michigan fruit crop? You may as well tell me, Billiger, what it is that weighs on your mind. Even if it should be financial troubles"—and she laid her arm caressingly about his neck-"a wife's devotion can"

"Great-grandfather" exclaimed Billiger, agonizingly, springing to his feet. "Land of misery! What did you do that for, Lobelia?

"Is it financial embarrassment, Billiger? Did I touch upon it at the first"—
"Touch upon it!" howled her husband, dancing frantically about the room. "Good heavens! If you had used a sledge ham-"Then I was right. It's nothing but

"Money troubles? Suffering Jobt If you want to know what weighs my spirits down, Lobelia, and fills my soul with gloom, look!" With a grip of iron he held her at arms'

length and bursd his neck.
Mr. Billiger McSwat was suffering from his regular spring boll.—Chicago Tribuna.

How One Man Proposed. I was very much amused at the article published on "How Girls Are Proposed To " I think the way I proposed was just as unloue, and the time and method a litnovel than the methods the fellows in that article adopted.

was I sure that she cared a continental for eards, and, in a joke, suggested that we it was a joke. Well, I won, and told her started from Philmont at 5 n. m., and by with a laugh that she belonged to me. After sitting and looking at each other a miles it was noon and he got dinner. An few moments I took her hand and said she other trip and he gave way to another man must always pay her losses, and that the hand I hold was ming. She looked at me kept up his twenty-four miles walk about with a smile and said quietly:

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Too Much for Him. There is a young Englishman from York at the Richelieu who believes that Chicago is the juraping off place and that wild In-dians can be found within a few feet of the city ball. He walks shout the hotel with his trousers rolled up several inches, and unfavorably compares this wild city with centeel York. His bardest labors are retiring at night and getting up in the morning. Yesterday afternoon he asked the clerk if a stylish English rig could be rented for a

I fawney I'd like a bit of a drive," he added, "and 'ave the man put in some WATER PRICE. The clerk turned around to the telephone

and rang up the hotel stables. "Hello" he yelled "send a cart right up here for Parlor D. He'll be gone some time, out in the suburbs, and you'd better put in a buffalo"-"Hi there," interrupted millord, "blow it

all, I cawn't mnange a buffalo. Never drove one in my life. Send just a commonplace beast "-Chicago Tribuna

Flies are now recognized as common car-riers of contagion. It has been found that the bacillus of consumption may exist in the intestines of this fed upon the sputs of patients suffering from this disease. is known as granular opsibalmia can be conveyed by these insects. The writer has had experience in a case of malignant pustule which formed on the spot bitten by a horsefly. It has been said that the late Father Damien attributed his leprosy to the inoculation, through the agency of flies, of a small wound on the scalp. A large number of "proof positive" instances have been distributed by these little in such force as to break it to pieces. Some sects. To escape them entirely one must go out to sea, but en land they are the least troublesome where there is the least filth. Cleanliness in home and premises therefore, is an important means of prevention against these intruders.-Boston

not Justified by the Besuits. "Did you notice that a French statistithings happen at these meetings, and sian has been studying the military records they are things which wecan't explain at and finds that by the year 4000 the average height of man will be only fifteen inchest"
"Yes, I noticed is, and I think it is going a long way to find so little. -New York

Very Strange. Minister-You say several of your com-panious were fishing in your father's milipoud last Sunday? I am very much sur-

Small Boy-60 am L. There isn't a fish in it. - Detroit Free Press. The Sanitary News suggests the ventilation of ceilars by extending from them a pipe to the kitchen chimney, which will carry of the fort mass.

WALKING A TRACK FOR A LIVING.

It's a Uscilul Though Not a Pleasant Oc

pation, as Many Men Rnow. Some of the old railroad track walkers an boast of records equal to that of locomotives in the point of miles which they have covered. Engineers sometimes claim that they have ridden 203,000 mfles or so but the men who have walked that far are ot often heard of. Still there are plenty of them in the branch of the railroad serv ice of which the "track walker" belongs They are the safeguard of travel which the public knows least about. They prevent hundreds of accidents, but their go are rarely, if ever, rewarded, as is the one with the faithful engineer or flagman And it is a peculiar fact that there is no line of promotion, consequently no great incentive to careful work.

A reporter got some ideas about their duties from Thomas Sespan, now foreman of a section of trackmen in the yard of the Grand Central station. Sesnan has been employed on the track work of the Harlem railroad for forty-two years, and is now looked upon as a patriarch among the trackmen. He has had charge of a gang for the last eighteen years; before that he was a trackman himself. He says that he helped to lay the second track of the Har em road in 1848, over which the New Haven road first entered the city.

"Every piece of railroad," he said, " divided into sections of from five to sever "Lobelia, will you oblige me by checking miles, if it is single track, and from three to four miles, if double. A foreman with a gang of five or six men keeps each sex on in order. All but one are trackmen who are kept busy making repairs. That one is the track walker, who patrols the tracks all day long with an eye out for weak points and obstructions which might cause accidents. Of course there is a second track walker at night who does the

"The track walker's outfit includes a mmer, wrench, lantern, red flag, a few torpedoes, bolts and spikes. No, he doesn't pedestrian speed. His gait shouldn't be more than two to three miles an hour. A man might hurry over the entire ground inside of an hour, but he couldn't look at every bolt and rail connec tion as his duties require. If it's a double track road he walks on the track facing the direction from which the train is coming and examines only one track at a time. He takes the other track on the way back. A track walker gets over the ground, as far as he is able, just before the trains pass over his section. But he keeps at work all day long, and if he has a double track, divided into three mile sections, he ought to make about three round trips a day over each track. This would make a day's average of twenty-four miles.

'An experienced track walker can tell a loose bolt at a glance. Sometimes it will be caused by a broken rait, and he will see that the joints do not fit. loose joint will be indicated by a disturb nce of the earth, causing a crevice be tween the sleeper and the rail. In this a thin piece of wood, which he must carry in his outfit. Fish plates and angle plates are distributed along the line, and track walker sometimes has to replace broken plates if there isn't time for the section gang to come up before a train is iue. In cese of a broken rail or obstructions which he can't bandle, the track wulker puts torpedoes on the tracks and ses his red fing to warn a passing train. Then he leaves his patrol and informs the oreman and trackman as soon as possible. In emergency cases at night the track walker wraps his red fing about the lantern as a signal. Terpedoes are used also.
"I never heard of a track walker's being promoted to a better paying position. Once

a track walker always a track walker." "Anybody can get such a job, then," suggested the reporter.

"Not a bit of it," retorted the patriarch. "You couldn't, for instance. Pd like to It was a case of love at first sight, but see you bolt on one of those angle plates; the girl didn't know how I felt, neither and you'd have to do it in case of emergency. A man must have experience as a me. She was a modest, retiring, bashful trackman first. The foreman picks his little thing, and while I wanted to tell her track walker out of the trackmen. Their how much I thought of her I was afraid pay is all the same-about \$1.55 a day. But to. One night, the fourth time I had if there is any promoting being done, the called, I made up my mind fully that I track walker is novey the lucky one. Some wanted her. But she was so shy I thought trackman gets the raise. The track walker it would frighten her away if I spake. must go back to the section gang again if About 10 o'clock I proposed a game of he expects to get up in the world.

"As a rule, track walkers keep at ft all play for a wager, and that she put up her- their lives. A man who worked under me self against me. She modestly consented. on the section between Philmont and Crary I thought I was going to lose, and I ville, on the Harlern road, a trip six mile knew if I did it was a last chance, even if long, made two round trips a day. He 577 Miles This man, Michael McChuth, every day in the year for eighteen years. "Well, if you want it you can have it."- Reckoning 260 days to the year, this makes more that 155,000 miles. Many track walkers have kept it up longer. A man on the Erie says he has walked more than 200,000

"The unpleasant part comes in rainy or wintry weather. Of course if the snow is six inches deep on the tracks, the track can't see the rails, let alone the loose bolts, and this is the only time he gets a holiday. But the chances are that he will have to turn in with the rest of the section gang and help clear the road."-

Guarding Against Surprises. Doctor-I wish to save my patients from any possible shock, therefore-Office Man-Yes, sir. Doctor-Do not make out the bills too

small.-Chicago Times.

-Le Figaro.

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A lawyer gave a dinner party, after which the gentlemen ratired to smoke and chat.
All at once he got up, took down a sword which formed part of a trophy, and, brandishing it in the air, exclaimed: "Ah! gentlemen, I shall never forget the

day when I drew this blade for the first "Pray, where did you draw it?" said an inquiring guest. "At a raille," was the lawyer's rejoinder.

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